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1. OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE DEPARTURE FROM THE GOR OF  
PRIME MINISTER TWAGIRAMUNGU AND FOUR OF HIS COLLEAGUES

HAS FOCUSED ON THEIR ALLEGED INEFFECTIVENESS AND FAILURE  
TO PROVIDE "COORDINATION" WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. A  
SPOKESMAN FOR THE RWANDAN INFORMATION OFFICE TOLD THE BBC  
30 SEPTEMBER THAT THE CABINET RESHUFFLE WAS PERFECTLY  
NORMAL BECAUSE THE MEN AND WOMEN INVOLVED HAD NOT BEEN UP  
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TO THEIR JOBS. HE SAID THAT THE FOUR MINISTERS SACKED 29

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SEPTEMBER HAD BEEN THE "WEAKEST" IN THE GOVERNMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOR HAD TRIED TO CARRY THE FOUR DESPITE THEIR WEAKNESS BUT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S FAILURE PROPERLY TO COORDINATE GOR ACTIVITIES MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE.

2. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM RADIO RWANDA'S NOON NEWS BROADCAST AUGUST 29. NOTE THAT THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION'S REMOVAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT HAS SINCE BEEN ANNOUNCED (SEPTTEL); TITO RUTARAMERA IS AN RPF IDEOLOGUE AND MOUTHPIECE. BEGIN TEXT IN INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

-- FOLLOWING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU HAS BEEN DISMISSED. WITH HIS DISMISSAL, A NEW PRIME MINISTER IS TO BE NAMED SOON AND A MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE IS EXPECTED WITH NEW MINISTERIAL AND OTHER TOP GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS. THE DECISION TO REMOVE MR. TWAGIRAMUNGU WAS MADE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY PRESIDENT PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU WITH STRONG PARLIAMENTARY BACKING AFTER SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PARLIAMENT. 55 DEPUTIES OUT OF 61 PRESENT AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND 6 ABSTAINED. ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED TO FULFIL HIS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IS TO FOSTER THE UNITY AND RECONCILIATION OF RWANDAN PEOPLE.

-- MEANWHILE, THE CABINET DIRECTOR IN THE OFFICE OF  
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PRESIDENT MR. EMMANUEL GASANA, HAS DISMISSED REPORTS BY FOREIGN PRESS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MAY HAVE RESIGNED INSTEAD OF BEING SACKED. COMMENTING ON THE ALLEGED REPORTS MADE EARLIER TO THE MEDIA BY MR. JEAN BAPTISTE NKULIYINGOMA, WHO IS THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, MR. GASANA SAID THAT IT WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE FOR A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TO HAVE MADE A FALSE STATEMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. THE MINISTER, MR. GASANA SAID, SHOULD HAVE CHECKED WHETHER THE ISSUE WAS A MATTER OF RESIGNATION OR WHETHER IT WAS A PROCESS

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OF REMOVING A PRIME MINISTER. "I THINK," THE CABINET DIRECTOR SAID, "AS GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, HE WOULD HAVE CHECKED WITH THE AUTHORITY WHO IN THAT CASE, IS THE PRESIDENT, TO KNOW WHETHER HE HAD RECEIVED THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION OR WHETHER THE PRESIDENT HAD ACTUALLY INITIATED THE PROCESS OF REMOVING THE PRIME MINISTER". THE FACT OF THE CASE, EMPHASIZED THE DIRECTOR, IS THAT IT WAS A REMOVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE PRESIDENT ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH A CLEAR MAJORITY.

-- EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DISMISSAL, MR. GASANA SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS THE POWER TO INITIATE THE REMOVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE CASE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. GASANA ADDED, THE PRESIDENT ALSO HAS THE OBLIGATION TO HAVE IT ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THE PRESIDENT DID. THE REASONS FOR DOING IT, MR. GASANA FURTHER SAID, IS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO A COORDINATED GOVERNMENT ACTION. HE WAS PUTTING ACROSS AN INTERPRETATION IN SOME CASES OF THE PROGRAM THAT WERE

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CONTRARY TO THE WAY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT VIEW THAT PROGRAM. THIS, MR. GASANA SAID, HAS A SERIOUS IMPLICATION IN TERMS OF HOW THE POPULATION SEES THE FUNCTIONING OF THE GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO HAS IMPLICATIONS TO OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WHO GET DIFFERENT MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS OF THE SAME GOVERNMENT, AND DEFINITELY, IT IS CONTRARY TO THE VERY FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IS BINDING ON EVERY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

-- MEANWHILE, MR. TITO RUTAREMARA, A PARLIAMENTARIAN, ALSO EXPLAINED WHY THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TO BE DISMISSED. OUTLINING WHAT HE CALLED THE PRIME MINISTER'S FOUR DEFECTS, HE SAID THAT HE WAS LAZY, THAT HE WAS BASING HIS POLITICAL IDEAS AND OPINIONS ON ETHNICITY. FOR EXAMPLE, MR RUTAREMARA ADDED, HE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING DIVISIONS ALONG ETHNIC LINES AMONG RWANDANS INSTEAD OF UNITING THEM. THE PRIME MINISTER, HE FURTHER SAID, HAD

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ALWAYS BEEN INTERFERING WITH THE WORKINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH DICTATORIAL TENDENCIES. LASTLY, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS, ON MANY OCCASIONS, EITHER ON LOCAL PRESS OR INTERNATIONAL PRESS, MADE STATEMENTS WHICH WERE CONTRARY AND CONTRADICTORY TO WHAT OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE. "IT IS HIGH TIME," MR. RUTAREMARA CONCLUDED;

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"THAT HE WAS VOTED OUT OF OFFICE. WE NEED ANOTHER PERSON  
WHO IS DYNAMIC; HAS THIS COUNTRY AT HEART; THE PERSON WHO  
  
WANTS TO UNITE THIS NATION, AND ABOVE ALL, THE PERSON WHO  
IS READY TO LISTEN TO OTHERS." END EXCERPT. RAWSON

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